

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2010.

Per the above amendment, claims 33-52 are pending in this application.

In light of the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection in the Office Action, the "recording medium" claims 48-52 now pending in this application have been drafted with preambles directed to a "non-transitory recording medium", per the below recommendation by the Commissioner in the Notice entitled "Subject Matter Eligibility of Computer Readable Media".

"A claim drawn to such a computer readable medium that covers both transitory and non-transitory embodiments may be amended to narrow the claim to cover only statutory embodiments to avoid a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 by adding the limitation "non-transitory" to the claim." See http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/notices/101_crm_20100127.pdf

Accordingly, it is submitted that pending claims 48-52 are directed to patentable subject matter.

In response to the indefinite objection the examiner finds with the terms "SVG" and "SVGZ", the claims now pending with those terms have been drafted to expand those terms to "SVG (Scalable Vector Graphics)" and "SVGZ (compressed SVG)". Thus presented, it is submitted that the SVG and SVGZ are definitely defined.

In response to the prior art rejection in the Office Action based upon Liu et al. (US 5,794,257), it is submitted that the pending claims 33-52 are patentable thereover in light of the following.

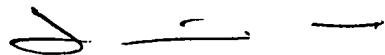
The instant invention is directed to a method, a program, an apparatus or a recording medium that relates to the generating of an electronic service manual by means

of a structure acquisition step, a structure data generating step, and the various components that are retrieved for creating the electronic service manual.

In contrast, Liu discloses the hyper linking of particular "hotspot" areas of electronic manuals, or multimedia documents that had already been stored, so that when a user mouse clicks at that hotspot, access is gained to the related information. See Figs. 1 and 2 which show specifically that "electronic manuals" are being input to a link generation 12 (Fig. 1) and a link generator 22 (Fig. 2). See also Fig. 3 where the hyperlink generator 36 has input thereinto the multimedia (MM) document 31. See further column 2, lines 36-39; column 2, line 53 to column 3, line 8. See further column 3, lines 8-25 wherein Liu specifically discloses that this system requires a "developer" to provide the auto-linker, a "builder" to provide the link specification with the original manuals and use the auto-linker to create the hyperlinked multimedia manuals, and of course the "user" who benefits from the hyperlinked manuals by gaining access to the hyperlinked information by mouse clicking on the hotspot in the document. Thus, Liu is quite different from the instant invention in which he discloses the accessing of an information from a hotspot in a manual by means of hyper linking. In contrast, the instant invention relates to the generation of an electronic service manual. Putting it differently, Liu provides hyper-links to existing manuals, whereas there is no existing manual in the instant invention before generation.

In light of the above, the examiner is requested to reconsider the application.

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